

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing sheet includes a change, as suggested in the Office Action, to include reference character 145 in Fig. 14, which is set forth in the specification, e.g., ¶ 68, l. 15.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet including Fig. 14.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claim 65 has been amended, claims 142-175 have been added, and claims 1-64 and 66-141 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 65 and 142-175 are pending in this application. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the specification was objected to; the drawings were objected to; claims 69 and 95 were objected to; claim 23 was provisionally objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 9; claims 6, 20, and 112 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph; claims 54, 75, 101, 109, and 111-113 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; claims 1, 5, 6, 8-10, 12, 13, 16, 18-24, 27, 28, 31, 33-38, 42-44, 47, 50-52, 55, 59-61, 114-119, 123-125, 129, 132, 133, and 139 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by International Patent Publication No. WO 03/008803 to Pas (“Pas”); claims 7, 26, 45, 46, and 126-128 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pas; and claims 2-4, 11, 14, 15, 17, 25, 29, 30, 32, 39-41, 48, 49, 52-54, 56-58, 62-111, 113, 120-122, 130, 131, 133-138, 140, and 141 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pas in view of various combinations of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0230934 to Cordelli et al. (“Cordelli”), U.S. Patent No. 5,111,127 to Johnson (“Johnson”), “FutureShack: A Home for the Displaced,” The Washington Post, May 15, 2004 by Linda Hales (“Hales”), U.S. Patent No. 6,426,606 to Purkey (“Purkey”), U.S. Patent No. 5,969,501 to Glidden (“Glidden”), and U.S. Patent No. 6,783,032 to Fons (“Fons”).

Regarding the objections to the specification, paragraphs 38, 54, and 62 have been amended as suggested in the Office Action, and paragraph 73 has been amended to replace “in addition, control panel” with “in addition, control panel 152.” Applicants request that these objections be withdrawn.

Regarding the objections to the drawings, the drawings were objected to for not including the reference sign 145. Fig. 14 has been amended to include reference sign 145. Applicants request that these objections be withdrawn.

Regarding the objections to claims 69 and 95, claims 69 and 95 have been canceled without prejudice as noted above. Accordingly, the objections to claims 69 and 95 are moot and should be withdrawn.

Regarding the provisional objection to claim 23 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 9, claim 23 has been canceled without prejudice as noted above.

Regarding the rejections of claims 6, 20, and 112 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, claims 6, 20, and 112 have been canceled without prejudice as noted above. Accordingly, the rejections to claims 6, 20, and 112 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, are moot and should be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejections of claims 54, 75, 101, 109, and 111-113 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, claims 54, 75, 101, 109, and 111-113 have been canceled without prejudice as noted above. Accordingly, the rejections to claims 54, 75, 101, 109, and 111-113 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are moot and should be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of independent claim 65 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pas in view of Johnson. Pas and Johnson, either alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the elements recited in independent claim 65. For example, independent claim 65 as amended recites “storing a plurality of power generating devices... within a housing...; removing the plurality of power generating devices... from within the housing; [and] coupling the plurality of power generating devices to an outer surface of the housing.” Pas and Johnson do not disclose at least these aspects.

Pas discloses a mobile power station including a housing (1), a wind turbine (2, 3, 4), and solar panels (9, 10) (Pas, Abstract and Fig. 1). Pas’ wind turbine (2, 3, 4) may be held upright in a vertical position using a wire (13) and may be lowered to a horizontal position (Pas, p. 4, ll. 31-33). Pas’ solar panels (9, 10) are positioned using hinges to allow the panels (9, 10) to be positioned at an angle with respect to the sides of the housing (1).

Johnson discloses a portable power supply (1) including a portable frame (10) and a removable battery (40) mounted to the frame (10) (Johnson, Abstract and Fig. 1). The Office Action states that Pas does not disclose or suggest storing a power generating device in a housing and removing the power generating device from the housing, and that it would be obvious to modify Pas’ mobile power station in view of Johnson to be able to remove Pas’ power generating device and store the power generating device in the housing to protect it during transport.

Pas’ power generating devices, which are coupled to the outside of the housing, include the wind turbine (2, 3, 4) and solar panels (9, 10). However, Pas teaches away

from storing the wind turbine (2, 3, 4) and solar panels (9, 10) in the housing (1). Pas' housing (1) is used to store equipment such as a battery (18), a tank (19), a boiler (20), a storage vessel (21), a generator (22), and a fuel cell (17) (Pas, Fig. 2 and p. 6, ll. 5-15). Pas' housing (1) does not provide space to store the wind turbine (2, 3, 4) and solar panels (9, 10). Furthermore, Pas discloses that the wind turbine (2, 3, 4) and solar panels (9, 10) may be positioned in retracted positions with respect to the housing (1). For example, the wind turbine (2, 3, 4) may be positioned horizontally and the solar panels (9, 10) may be positioned against the walls of the housing (1) (Pas, Fig. 1, p. 4, ll. 31-33, and p. 5, ll. 4-12). Therefore, Pas teaches against removing the wind turbine (2, 3, 4) and solar panels (9, 10) from the housing (1) and placing the wind turbine and solar panels in the housing (1) for storage.

Furthermore, while Johnson's battery (40) may be removed from the frame (10), Johnson does not disclose coupling the battery (40) or storing the battery (40) in a housing formed by the frame (10). Therefore, Johnson merely teaches that one may remove equipment, such as the battery (18), from a frame (10).

Cordelli does not cure the deficiencies of Pas and Johnson. Cordelli discloses a modular power supply with multiple output units for AC- and DC-powered equipment (Cordelli, Abstract). However, Cordelli does not disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, storing power generating devices in a housing, removing the power generating devices from within the housing, and coupling the power generating devices to an outer surface of the housing.

Hales does not cure the deficiencies of Pas and Johnson. Hales discloses a shelter constructed from a recycled shipping container and equipped with solar panels

and an air-conditioner that runs on a generator (Hales, col. 1, ¶ 3, and col. 4, ¶ 1). However, Hales does not disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, storing the solar panels or generator in the shelter, removing the solar panels or generator from within the shelter, and coupling the solar panels to an outer surface of the shelter.

Purkey does not cure the deficiencies of Pas and Johnson. Purkey discloses a device for providing supplemental power to an electrical system (Purkey, Abstract). However, Purkey does not disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, storing the device in a housing, removing the device from within the housing, and coupling the device to an outer surface of the housing.

Glidden also does not cure the deficiencies of Pas and Johnson. Glidden discloses a portable power supply system (10) including a box-like compartment (14) and a rack structure mounted to the compartment (14) that includes a rotatable bracket (24) supporting a solar panel section (Glidden, Abstract). However, Glidden does not disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, storing the solar panel section in the compartment (14), removing the solar panel section from within the compartment (14), and coupling the solar panel section to an outer surface of the compartment (14).

Fons does not cure the deficiencies of Pas and Johnson. Fons discloses modifying a steel ISO container (1) (Fons, col. 3, l. 3 and 14-26). However, Fons does not disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, storing power generating devices in the container (1), removing the power generating devices from within the container (1), and coupling the power generating devices to an outer surface of the container (1).

For at least the reasons noted above, neither Pas nor Johnson disclose or suggest all of the features set forth in independent claim 65. Furthermore, Cordelli,

Hales, Purkey, Glidden, and Fons do not satisfy the deficiencies set forth above with respect to Pas and Johnson. Accordingly, claim 65, and claims 142-155 which depend therefrom, should be allowed.

New independent claim 156 sets forth a transportable power station including, inter alia, a plurality of power generating devices removably coupled on an outside surface of the housing, and the plurality of power generating devices being sized to fit completely within the transportable housing. Therefore, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 65, claim 156 is also allowable.

New independent claim 172 sets forth a method of producing and delivering power at a desired location including, inter alia, coupling power generating devices to an outer surface of a transportable housing, detaching the power generating devices from the transportable housing, and storing the power generating devices within the transportable housing. Therefore, for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 65, claim 172 is also allowable.

For at least the reasons noted above, Applicants submit that neither Pas nor Johnson disclose or suggest the pending claims. Nor does any of the other art cited in the Office Action. It is noted, however, that Applicants reserve their right to submit an appropriate declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to remove the rejections in view of one or both of Pas and Johnson.

Claims 142-155, 157-171, and 173-175 are allowable at least due to their dependency from independent claims 65, 156, and 172. In addition, each of claims 142-155, 157-171, and 173-175 recites unique combinations that are neither taught nor suggested by the cited art, and therefore each is also separately patentable. For

example, claims 148 and 162 set forth an adjustable strut having a proximal end coupled to one of the power generating devices and a distal end positioned on the ground; and claims 149 and 163 set forth at least one vertical pole coupled to a corner of the housing.

The Office Action contains characterizations of the claims and the related art with which Applicants do not necessarily agree. Unless expressly noted otherwise, Applicants decline to subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action or Advisory Action.

In discussing the specification, claims, and drawings in this Amendment, it is to be understood that Applicants are in no way intending to limit the scope of the claims to an exemplary embodiment described in the specification or abstract and/or shown in the drawings. Rather, Applicants are entitled to have the claims interpreted broadly, to the maximum extent permitted by statute, regulation, and applicable case law.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account no. 06-0916.

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Attachments: Replacement Sheet including Fig. 14.